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Have you seen the READ Posters hanging around the library? The READ Poster campaign was started in 1985 by the American Library Association. Some of the early posters featured celebrities like Bill Cosby, David Bowie, and LL Cool J. Recent posters feature celebrities like Henry Cavill and the cast of the Big Bang Theory. Maybe you have noticed some local “celebrities” on our READ posters? We are creating our own featuring campus notables like Scrappy and the Sturgis Librarians; and most recently Dr. Ken Harmon, the campus Provost and Vaughn Williams, Director of Athletics.

Data Privacy Month (DPM) is an annual effort to empower people to protect their privacy and control their digital footprint, as well as escalate the protection of privacy and data as everyone’s priority. Data Privacy Month will be celebrated in 2014 starting with Data Privacy Day on January 28 and running through February 28. staysafeonline.org/data-privacy-day/

Expressing one’s love to another is a celebrated custom on Valentine’s Day. Sweethearts and family members present gifts to one another, such as cards, candy, flowers and other symbols of affection. Opinions differ as to who was the original Valentine, but the most popular theory is that he was a clergyman who was executed for secretly marrying couples in ancient Rome. In A.D. 496, Pope Gelasius I declared Feb. 14 as Valentine Day. Esther Howland, a native of Massachusetts, is given credit for selling the first mass-produced valentine cards in the 1840s. The spirit continues today with even young children exchanging Valentine’s cards with their fellow classmates.

~ Census.gov

African American Biographical Database (AABD) is the source to check first for biographical records of African Americans from 1790 to 1950. Indexing of 300+ titles brings more than 40,000 biographies to KSU users. Search options can isolate the data you want to find biographical profiles, narratives, and images. Need assistance? Ask-A-Librarian!

In his final semester here at KSU studying communications and film, Peter Gormley has dutifully served in our Interlibrary Loan department for the past three years. When not studying or hanging out, he enjoys drawing, watching and reading about film, and playing video games. The Library staff has been dependent on Peter to not only efficiently process interlibrary loan requests but also through service on library committees. We’re going to miss Peter next year when he graduates, but we wish him good luck!